



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 3652**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

. Group Art Unit: 3652

Examiner: Michael S. Lowe

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed December 02, 2004, the period for response to which extends through March 02, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of remarks that follow:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.